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Addendum

Reproduced below is a message sent by the Expert on Equatorial Guinea, Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, to His Excellency, General Teodoro Obiang Nguema, President of Equatorial Guinea.

Sir,

Amnesty International, the well-known non-governmental organization concerned with the protection of human rights throughout the world and, in particular, with matters involving what it terms "prisoners of conscience", more commonly referred to as political prisoners, has sent me, via the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, based in Geneva, a document entitled "The Human Rights Situation in Equatorial Guinea", which Amnesty International has had circulated in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in connection with agenda item 21, under which, as in previous years, the situation in Equatorial Guinea will be considered.

As the Expert appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General to assist your Government in introducing measures for the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms, I found the report very disturbing, as I am aware of the efforts made by the Government to implement the Plan of Action with which you are familiar, and because it would distress me if those efforts were to fail to the detriment of the cause of the noble people of Equatorial Guinea, for whom I have much affection.

I feel it my duty to acquaint you with the contents of the Amnesty International document so that your Government may have an opportunity to refer to it, if it so wishes, for the purposes of the discussion in the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session from February to March of this year, and for my own information, as the views of the Government would be of great help to me in carrying out my duties as Expert.

I am therefore enclosing herewith a copy of the above-mentioned document.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed] Fernando Volio Jiménez